

ONE-WORD SUMMARIES

ONE-WORD SUMMARIES GET STUDENTS IN THE HABIT OF PICKING OUT IMPORTANT CONCEPTS AND MAIN IDEAS. AFTER READING A LESSON, STUDENTS SUGGEST ONE WORD THAT MOST CLEARLY SUMMARIZES THE LESSON'S TOPIC.

RICK WORMELI SAYS THAT THE WORD CHOICE IS **NOT** WHAT LEADS TO LEARNING IN ONE-WORD SUMMARIES.

RATHER, STUDENT RATIONALE FOR CHOOSING CERTAIN WORDS REINFORCES AND EVEN EXPANDS THEIR LEARNING.

STEPS:

1. FOLLOWING A DAY'S LESSON (OR READING), ASK STUDENTS TO WRITE ONE WORD THAT BEST SUMMARIZES

THE TOPIC.

2. AFTER IDENTIFYING THE WORD, EACH STUDENT SHOULD WRITE A BRIEF EXPLANATION (A SENTENCE OR TWO)

THAT EXPLAINS THE WORD CHOICE.

3. STUDENTS SHARE THEIR WORD CHOICES AND EXPLANATIONS.

4. ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO SUPPORT OR REFUTE THE WORD CHOICES.

SOURCE:

WORMELI, RICK. *SUMMARIZATION IN ANY SUBJECT: 50 TECHNIQUES TO IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING.*

ALEXANDRIA, VA:

ASCD, 2005, 122-123.

Trading Cards

Summarizing data
analysis